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SRI K. R. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Government have withheld payment of any grant or permission to any local body for constructing school building, and if so, whether they are going to revise their policy? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Government have not changed their policy in the matter of providing funds for the construction of school buildings."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that allotment of grant was made in previous years to the Madakasira Board High School and tenders were called for by the district board? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The district board is free to draw the money when it pleases."

Alleged lathi charge by the police at Tuticorin.

* 283-A *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there was a lathi charge by police on 25th March 1953 on the people at Tuticorin; if so, why; and how many persons got injuries?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is not true that there was a lathi charge at Tuticorin on the 25th March 1953."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have instituted any enquiry into the circumstances leading to the lathi charge and the conduct of the officers who ordered the lathi charge? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The answer is that there was no lathi charge and this question does not therefore arise."

District Planning Board for Visakhapatnam district.

* 284 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a District Planning Board for Visakhapatnam district has been constituted;

(*b*) if so, with how many; and

(*c*) of them how many are non-officials?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Nineteen members, including the Chairman and the Secretary.

" (*c*) Five."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the M.L.As. of the district are included in the Planning Board? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, as I said there are nineteen members in the District Planning Board.